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For: MULTILAYER LOSSLESS DATA COMPRESSION ACROSS A NETWORK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

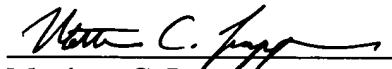
A Copy of the listed document is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 14-1080.

Respectfully submitted,



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